

DECLARATION

As the below named inventors, we hereby declare that:

Our residences, post office addresses, and citizenship are as stated below.

We believe we are the original, first and joint inventors of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled: **Tubular Filling System**, the specification of which is attached hereto.

We hereby state that we have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims.

We acknowledge the duty to disclose to the Office all information which is material to patentability as defined in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56.

We hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, § 119 of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate listed below and have also identified below any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed:

PRIORITY CLAIMED

NONE

(Number)

(Country)

(Date filed)

We hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, § 120 of any United States application(s) listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Title 35, United States Code, § 112. We acknowledge the duty to disclose material information as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, § 1.56, regarding events which occurred between the filing date of any such prior application and the national or PCT International filing date of this application:

(Application Serial No.)

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We hereby declare that all statements made herein of our own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

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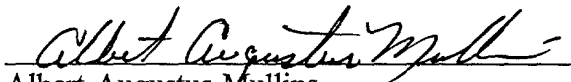
POWER OF ATTORNEY BY INVENTOR AND ASSIGNEE

As named inventor and assignee of the above-identified application, I hereby appoint the following attorneys to prosecute and transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith.

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ASSIGNMENT FOR UNITED STATES PATENT APPLICATION

WHEREAS: **Raul Daniel Vega**
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(hereinafter referred to as ASSIGNOR), has invented and owns a certain invention entitled: **Tubular Filling System**, which application for Letters Patent of the United States has been executed on even date herewith;

WHEREAS: **Albert Augustus Mullins**
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(hereinafter referred to as ASSIGNEE), is desirous of acquiring the entire interest in, to and under said invention and in, to and under Letters Patent or similar legal protection to be obtained therefor in the United States and in any and all foreign countries.


NOW, THEREFORE, TO ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN: Be it known that in consideration of the payment by ASSIGNEE to ASSIGNOR of the sum of One Dollar (\$1.00), the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, and for other good and valuable consideration, ASSIGNOR hereby sells, assigns and transfers to ASSIGNEE the full and exclusive right, title and interest to said invention, in the United States and its territorial possessions and in all foreign countries, and to all Letters Patent or similar legal protection, in the United States and its territorial possessions and in any and all foreign countries, to be obtained for said invention by said application or any continuation, division, renewal, substitute or reissue thereof or any legal equivalent thereof in a foreign country for the full term or terms for which the same may be granted.

ASSIGNOR hereby covenants that no assignment, sale, agreement or encumbrance has been or will be made or entered into which would conflict with this assignment and sale.

ASSIGNOR further covenants that ASSIGNEE will, upon its request, be provided promptly with all pertinent facts and documents relating to said application, said invention and

said Letters Patent and legal equivalents in foreign countries as may be known and accessible to ASSIGNOR and will testify as to the same in any interference or litigation related thereto and will promptly execute and deliver to ASSIGNEE or its legal representative any and all papers, instruments or affidavits required to apply for, obtain, maintain, issue and enforce said application, said invention and said Letters Patent and said equivalents thereof in any foreign country which may be necessary or desirable to carry out the purposes thereof.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set hand and seal this 1st day of August, 2000.



Raul Daniel Vega